Richmond Times-Dispatch

THE TIMES-DISPATCH

THINKS TORPEDO STRUCK HIS SHIP

65th YEAR

Captain of the Nebraskan Says, However, He Saw No Submarine.

HE MAKES SWORN STATEMENT

Affidavit Will Be Forwarded to State Department Without Delay.

amer Nebraskan, which was disabled | control of the navy. before midnight. The captain said: I saw no submarine, but am certain

was a torpedo which hit us." Moreover, a submarine could not ve failed to see our name and naters on our sides."

n were agreed that the explosion was by a torpedo.

l been torn away, and standing behatchway one looked The ship was saved bulkhead, which held back the damage was done to the deck The steamer's derricks

Greene told this story of

at 5.24 o'clock, we were torpedeed. which read 'Nebraskan, of

terrible shock, which threw the afterwards came a trequartermasters and the urled the derricks thirty t high and blew up the hatches.

We thought the ship was lost med British vessels came up in reply

As the vessel still floated, we reikhead holding firm, and decided to ip into Liverpool under her own which we accomplished suc-

NGTON, May 27 .-- Ambassador | tion. ige at London cabled the State Def the Irish coast on Tuesday, and at the attache was returning to Lon-

Lieutenant Powers, the attache, was companied to Liverpool by Naval enstructor McBride, who is expected make an examination to-morrow gith the hope of ascertaining definitely mine or torpedo.

The captain's affidavit will be for-

MPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

The United States government had tain, General Villa. ceived to-night messages from Amassador Page and Consul-General roin Captain Greene, of the American roles. teamer Nebraskan, but from all inermation thus far available it has eer impossible to determine whether

he ship struck a floating mine. Naval fficers say the upward explosion as deeribed by Captain Greene, is of a haracter more likely to have been aused by a mine than a torpedo.

s caused by mine or torpedo.

Ambassador Page reported that he ad begun an inquiry. The jessel was lue at Liverpool late to-night.

Any diplomatic action as a result of he incident will be deferred until there s definite proof of the cause of he exosion. Should it develop that the essel was torpedoed, the fact that her ag had been lowered a few minutes fore, at sundown, would have no earing on the action of the American overnment, which always has insisted ad search before an attack upon any erchantman.

If it is proved that the Nebraskan hit friends attended. Mr. Vanderbilt's body mine, the case would be similar to he mishaps to the American cotton hips Evelyn and Carib, which struck nines, the responsibility for which has ever been fixed.

O INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON LAYING OF MINES

There is no international convention force relative to the laying of mines the United States ratified The Hague envention of this subject, but it is not perative because many of the sigtories did not ratify it. The prininles laid down in that convention, (Continued on Second page.)

Admiral Sir Henry Jackson

LONDON, May 27 .- It is officially announced that Admiral Sir Henry Jack-son has been appointed First Sea Lord

of the Admiralty,
Sir Henry Jackson's appointment as

Churchill, who was First Lord of the Admiralty, and Sir John Fisher, who was admiral of the fleet, have now LIVERPOOL, May 28 .- The American been definitely eliminated from the Admiral Sir Henry Jackson has been chief of the British war staff since

sixty. He is an expert in the construcis announced that Admiral Sir

Arthur Wilson, who was First Sea Lord from 1909 to 1912 and was then retired, will remain associated with the admiralty in an advisory capacity.

TAKE TARIFF FROM POLITICS

eight miles off Fast- pointed to perfect an organization to place a proposed act before Congress: Frank G. Logan, chairman; B. E. Sunny, Cyrus H. McCormick, Victor F. and the submarine must Lawson, John V. Farwell, William V.

> sible under the Constitution, including Sheerness harbor. The steamer was power to investigate, recommend in the government service, and hear complaints.

presidents and many business men

GERMAN SAILORS INSANE

board and made a careful German sailors from the North Ger- blown up in Sheerness harbor this nain aboard and try to bring the Hoboken since the war began, have become mentally unbalanced, and have been placed in the Hoboken jail. Three became so violent that it was lying close to the Princess Irene were necessary to take them from the steam-BY CAPTAIN OF SHIP ships and place them under observa-

ship, because she would not carry him back to Germany

said enforced idleness, melancholia and homesickness was responsible.

BRYAN'S REQUEST REFUSED

ion, but any decision as to action by P. Hunter's request to memoralize the fraining from interfering in the work he American government probably will State Board of Pardons and Paroles of rescue. CAUSE OF EXPLOSION ritory controlled by the Mexican chief-

telegram to both the Legislature and kinner at London, and a statement the State Board of Pardons and Pa-

FORTY MINERS TRAPPED

splosion on the Nebraskan Tuesday Sixteen Rescued, Two Bodies Recovered, Fate of Others Undetermined.

NANAIMO, B. C., May 27 .- About forty miners were trapped by a gas explosion in the reserve mine of the Western Fuel Company here late to

The fate of the other miners, who are still imprisoned, has not yet been

RELATIVES PAY TRIBUTE

Memorial Services for Alfred G. Van-

Carries 296 Passengers, Only Three of Whom Are Americans.

NEW YORK, May 27.-The White Star liner Adriatic left New York today for Liverpool with 296 passengers gers were Americans.

Word that the Cunarder Orduna had reached Liverpool safely was received and take measures required by the situ- urges that every automobile owner

ANOTHER BRITISH BATTLESHIP SUNK

Majestic Torpedoed by Enemy Submarine While Supporting Army on Gallipoli Peninsula.

NEARLY ALL ON BOARD SAVED

English Vessel Princess Irene Is Blown Up in Sheerness Harbor, With Heavy Loss of Life.

LONDON, May 27 .- The torpedoing

The battleship Majestic was a vessel of 14,900 tons and of 10,000 horse power. Her officers and crew, on a peace foot-

The Majestic, which was built in 1895, carried four twelve-inch, twelve sixtwelve three-pounder guns.

Dardanelles campaign, and the second having been sent to the bottom in the Gulf of Saros on Wednesday. French also have lost one battleship in the Turkish campaign, the Bouvet

IN SHEERNESS HARBOR

cess Irene, except one man, and in adat work on board the steamer, loss The plan contemplates a tariff com-mission with the broadest powers pos-blown up by an explosion on board in

Lloyd's announces that the British The Princess Irene was in the govern senal of Great Britain, on the Thames.

The admiralty in confirming the ex have perished in the disaster. The statement of the admiralty says

board at the time of the disaster. "Several men belonging to vessels

wounded by falling splinters." CREW OF THE TRIUMPH

RESCUED BY DESTROYERS CONSTANTINOPLE, May 27 (via Prayer — Lieutenant James Power London).—An official communication Smith, of the staff of General T. J. issued to-day concerning the sinking Jackson, chairman and master of cere-"The Triumph was accompanied by wo destroyers, and other vessels

on guard to protect the battleships when a German submarine attacked and sank her. The torpedo which the submarine fired exploded amidships. The Triumph listed, and nine minutes later capsized. She floated keel upward, however, for twenty minutes.

"The crew, who had rushed on deck,

"The submarine was chased by destroyers, but escaped undamaged."

going repairs, shattered the steamer.

shipwrights on the steamer

of the explosion. The noise of the explosion of the shal: Worshipful James A. been far louder than that which ac- J. Adams, grand tiler; Brother A. W. companied the blowing up of the bat- Baker, grand steward. tleship Bulwark in Sheerness last No-

ESTIMATES OF MORNING

PAPERS VARY GREATLY LONDON, May 28.—Estimates of the mittee is considerably perturbed over fatalities on board the Princess Irene the failure of automobile owners to list as made by the morning papers, vary from 300 to more than 400. The Daily Mail says that in addition to the seventy-eight shipwrights there also were on board 100 workmen from Chatham, as well as 240 members of the crew, which would give a total of 418 persons on the steamer.

DE ARRIAGA RESIGNS

President of Portugal Announces De termination to Quit Office.

LISBON (via Paris), May 28 .-President of Portugal, Manuel de Ar riaga, has resigned.

President de Arriaga officially announced to the president of the Portuguese Congress his determination to Congress will meet Saturday to de-

liberate on this action by the President.

NO STATE BRITISH BATTLESHIP MAJESTIC. COMPLETE PROGRAM FOR KILLING FROSTS BREAK

ALLIES SUFFER NEW LOSS IN DARDANELLES

Fruits and Vegetables in Many Sections.

MASONS TO HAVE LARGE PART BIG STORM OFF CHARLESTON

Nine Negro Fishermen Known to Have Been Drowned, and It Is Thought Several Others Also Perished-Rivers Reach Flood Stage.

Warmer Weather Expected To-Day

WASHINGTON, May 27 .- Generally fair weather, with rising tem-perature, is following the cold wave and killing frosts which swept down from Canada last night, causing damage in the agricultural districts along the Great Lakes, through Northern and Western Pennsylvania and New York.

Forecasters of the Weather Bureau to-night said the territory affeeted by the wave probably would warmer weather would follow to-

Reports from upper Michigan said grees below freezing early to-day.

WASHINGTON, May 27 .- Killing , frosts throughout the Lake region, and the Middle Atlantic States broke May weather records of many years last troducing the orator of the day-First hours. Reports to the Weather Bureau indicate heavy damage to fruits and vegetables, particularly in the interior of New York. While frost is probable again to-night in the lower Lake region, New England and the Middle Atlantic States, warmer weather is promised Friday.

NINE NEGRO FISHERMEN

DROWNED IN STORM CHARLESTON, S. C., May 27 .- Nine negro fishermen are known to have been drowned and it is thought several others also perished in a storm early to-day off Charleston Light. Return ing fishermen report that the wind attained a velocity of sixty miles an hour, and that many of the vessels of the fishing fleet were swamped.

OLD LEVEES GUARDED BY 1,200 CONVICTS

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., May 27,-Reports from sections of Oklahoma and Arkansas state that heavy rains have fallen on the upper Arkansas River fifteen miles from the scene shipful Harry B. Lee, grand chaplain; watershed and brought many of the streams to flood stages.

At Fort Gibson, the Arkansas River Princess Irene is described as having grand pursuivant: Worshipful Oscar has risen five feet. Considerable areas of the bottom lands have been inundated, and damage done to the crops At the State farm, sixty miles from

Little Rock, 1,200 convicts were to-day guarding old levees to prevent threat-PARADE BADLY NEEDED ened destruction of stockades and buildings by the rising waters.

AT LEAST EIGHT DEATHS

CAUSED BY STORMS KANSAS CITY, MO., May 27 .-- A neavy rainstorm that broke and Eastern Oklahoma to-day, following yesterday's rains, increased the riswaters and almost cut off communication with these districts.

Richmond Automobile Club, is at work trying to arouse interest among the deaths, either by drowning or by chief. lightning. automobile owners. The parade, he

states, while being arranged by the Automobile Club, is as much under the around flood stage. The Kansas River Jacksonville, Fla., treasurer. was reported rising four inches an hour at Manhattan, Kans., and only three feet below the danger mark.

growing crops were reported.

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ZEPPELINS MAKE RAID ON ENGLISH COAST TOWN

Impressive Exercises to Mark Start Reports Indicate Heavy Damage to Only One Person, a Woman, Killed, but Number of People Are Injured.

> of Enemy Craft, but Fail to Overtake Them-Southend Target for Number of Aerial Visits.

> shows that only one person was killed, Mrs. May Fabin, who was here on a visit. A number of people, however, were injured. The entire town was illuminated by the bursting of shells dropped by the

afreraft, but the material damage caused appears to have been less than on the occasion of the last raid. Some reports say that two and others

ber accurately, for heavy clouds obscured the sky. The noise of the propellers was first heard shortly before 11 o'clock. Then

some of the bombs were incendiary. Crowds assembled in the streets. irs. Fabin was killed as she was leavling a street car. It is recalled that in the previous raid the only victim

was a woman. British aeroplanes went up in pur suit of the raiders, but could not overtake them. Some time later two Zep-

of the Thames, forty miles east of London, has been the target of Zeppelin raiders several times in the past six months. On no previous occasion

FRENCH AERIAL SQUADRON

PARIS, May 27 .- A French aerial quadron, composed of eighteen aeroplanes, each carrying 110 pounds of projectives, this morning bombarded a chemical factory at Ludwigshafen, on the Rhine, opposite Mannheim.

Fire broke out in several of the factory buildings as a result of this bom-

portant manufactories of explosives in all Germany. The French aviators were in the air for six hours, and cov ered more than 400 kilometers (240 miles).

This expedition against an important German military establishment was the French reply to the attempts of German aviators on the city of Paris. This information was contained in the French official statement given out by the War Office this afternoon.

Michael Regan, of Buffalo, Succeeds Mayor Sylvester as President.

CINCINNATI, O., May 27 .- Michael Regan, chief of police of Buffalo, was Danish vessels. elected president to-day of the International Association of Chiefs of Po-Arkansas, Kansas, Western Missouri lice at the annual convention here. He to the waters around the British Isles, succeeds Major Richard Sylvester, of Washington, who retired from the the greatest and most important fightpresidency after holding that office for batter at the Russian lines northeast

elected secretary, and F. C. Roach, of

Newark was chosen as the 1916 convention city. The committee appointed to confer

their homes to-day, thinking the dan- ation of Railway Special Agents, relager past, were forced to flee again to- tive to joining a new organization night when Turkey Creek rose rapidly. known as the Federation of American circle, the completion of which is be-Railroad washouts and damage to Peace Officers, submitted a report ap- ing stubbornly opposed by the Rusproving the idea, and recommending sians. At Little Rock, Ark., heavy rains that the chiefs join. This report was The Germans have forced another

SUBMARINE RAIDS GROWING MENACE

Undersea Boats Promise to Take Active Part in Operations in Adriatic.

TO SEA-BORNE TRADE Middle Galicia Remains Scene of

PRZEMYSL AGAIN SURROUNDED

man Onslaught Will Be Stemmed.

Submarines Continue to Take Their Tolls

SUBMARINES continue to take their tolls in the European war. The British battleship Unjestic has been sent to the bottom off Gallipoli Peninsula by a German torpedo. The number lost, as in the case of Triumph, has not been com

was sunk not far from the Old Head of Kinsale, where the Lusitania went down, and the Danish steamer Betty was disposed of in the North Sea, both by German sub-

made a long trip, under mine fields, part of the way through the Dardanelles and the Sea of Marmora up to the very waters of Constantinople, a distance of approximately 200 miles. In the course of this expedition, she sank an ammunition vessel in the Sea of Marmora, torpedoed a supply ship at Rodosta, and discharged a torpedo at a transport along the arsenal at Constantinople, the effect of which is not

cidental explosion on board. More than 300 lives are reported to have been lost.

tempting a landing at Boudroup. The heaviest fighting of the war tricts, where the Teutonic allies

LONDON, May 27 .- The British supporting the allied army on the Gallipoli Peninsula, was sunk by a Ger-

and seventy-eight dockyard workmen aboard at the time, lost their

The Majestic, which was the oldest on the active list of the British navy, is the sixth capital ship lost by the

The submarine menace is a growing one, both in the Aegean Sea and home waters, and the vessels promise to take an active part in the operations in the narrow waters of the Adriatic, where, as in the Agean, islands afford good shelter.

MORE AND MORE HAZARDOUS FOR SEA-BORNE TRADE

While the warships are able to escape submarines in the waters around the British Isles, the increase in their numbers makes the carrying on of seaborne trade more and more hazardous The admiralty still believes that the

American steamer Nebraskan, now or her way to Liverpool, was torpedoed. The British steamer Morawenna, bound for Canada, and the Danish steamer Betty have been sunk by submarines. Only a few days ago the commander of a submarine informed a Danish captain that he had no orders to sink

Amidst the activities on land and sea and in the air, from the Dardanelles Middle Galicia remains the scene of ing. There the Germans continue to munication with these districts.

the last fifteen years, owing to the fact and southeast of Przemysl, and, according to reports, which have not been confirmed by official statements, they have severed communications between the former Austrian fortress

which less than three months ago was Many residents in the southwestern with the International Associations of siege, is again surrounded. It taken by the Russians after a long tonic allies are pressing hard on the

grossing of the San River, oleven miles

Sir John Fisher Loses Naval Post

Appointed as First Sea Lord of Admiralty.

First Sea Lord removes all doubt as to the possible retention of Admiral in the post. Both Winston

1912. He has been in the navy since was thirteen years old. He is now tion and equipment of warships, and is credited with being the first man ve falled to see our name and na-in England to put to practical use mality, which was outlined in huge Hertzian waves for wireless tele-

Business Men in Chicago.

CHICAGO, May 27 .-- A movement to remove the tariff from politics was launched at a meeting here to-day attended by H. U. Mudge, managing head of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad under the receivership: Clarence S. Funk, President E. P. Ripley, of the Atheison, Topeka and Santa Fe, OF DAMAGE TO SHIP and other business men. H. H. Gross, president of the National Soil Fertility

> The following committee was ap- BLOWN UP BY EXPLOSION Kelley and Clarence S. Funk.

Letters of indorsement were read by James J. Hill, of St. Pagl; George W. Perkins, of New York; several college

Several at Hoboken Driven Mad by fåleness and Homesickness. NEW YORK, May 27 - Several of the man Lloyd and Hamburg-American morning.

One of the men from the Barbarossa, to-night that Captain Greene, in returning from a trip ashore, asthe American steamship Nebraskan, serted that he was Emperor William. France. Afterward a blacksmith on the Vaterland threatened to sink the

Dr. George King, county physician,

hether the Nebraskan was damaged Arizons Senate Declines to Make Move to Reprieve Mexicans. PHOENIX, ARIZ., May 27.-By a vote carded to the State Department as of 5 to 4, the Arizona State Senate ships, the Turkish batteries, although soon as Lieutenant Powers reaches Lon- to-night declined Governor George W. it would have been easy to do so, re-

e delayed until the constructor's re- to reprieve five Mexicans condemned to die to-morrow at the Florence Peni-In his first report to Consul-General tentiary. Governor Hunter had made a Skinner at London by telegraph to-last effort to save the lives of the MORE THAN 300 PERSONS day, Captain Greene said his ship either Mexicans, based upon a message reruck a mine or was torpedoed, and ceived to-day from Secretary Bryan, fficials here think his affidavit may who suggested that their execution that more than 300 persons lost their Alston Cabell, deputy grand master

The Governor sent Secretary Bryan's

Many officials are inclined to believe Sixteen have been rescued, and two bodies recovered.

derbilt Held at Mother's Home.

NEW YORK, May 27 .- Tributes to the memory of Alfred G. Vanderbilt who perished on the Lusitania, were pen the exercise of the right of visit paid to-day in memorial services held at the home of his mother, Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt. Only relatives and

LINER ADRIATIC SAILS

and 18,000 tons of general cargo and munitions. Only three of the passen-

by the line here to-day.

CORNER-STONE LAYING of Construction of Equestrian Statue of Jackson.

Whole Grand Lodge Will Participate. Maj. William A. Anderson, of Lexington, to Be Chief Speaker-Reunion Committees Working Hard.

casion. All of the officers of the Vir-

ginia Grand Lodge of Masons will participate. The program in condensed form fol-

monies. Laying the corner-stone-The Grand Lodge of Virginia, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons: Most Worshipful

James B. Wood, grand master. Address-Sergeant George L. Christian, Second Company, Richmond Howitzers, Army of Northern Virginia. In- night, and promise unseasonably cold

pany L. Fourth Regiment Infantry, Stonewall Brigade. Wreath in memory of General B. H. Bee-'Look! there is Jackson standing like a stone wall." Benediction-Captain J. W. Bachman,

Nineteenth Regiment, Tennessce In-

fantry, Army of the Tennessee, Confederate States Army. The following compose the Grand Lodge of Masons of the State of Vir-BELIEVED LOST ginia: Most Worshipful James B. Wood, SHEERNESS, May 28.-It is believed grand master; Right Worshipful James might endanger the lives and property lives here to-day, when an explosion on Right Worshipful Henry K. Field, grand board the steamer Princess Irene, a senior warden; Right Worshipful Ermine-laying vessel which was lying in nest L. Cunningham, grand junter warthe Medway off Port Victoria, under- den: Right Worshipful Fred Pleasants, grand treasurer: Worshipful Joseph V. In addition to her crew, said to have Bidgood, deputy grand treasurer; Right, numbered 250, there were seventy-eight worshipful Charles A. Nesbitt, grand secretary: Right Worshinful John F Many men on the ships in the vicinity Mayer, deputy grand secretary; Right of the Princess Irene were injured by Worshipful Sol Cutchins, grand senior the debris, and fragments of the wreck- deacon; Right Worshipful William W. age were picked up as far away as Galt, grand junior deacon; Right Wor-Worshipful James II. Price, grand mar-

> In the printed programs the Masonic in the vicinity of Haskell, Okla.
>
> At the State farm, sixty miles printed in full, occupying eight pages.

MORE ENTRANTS FOR FLORAL

their automobiles for the floral parade lar side of the reunion. But so few automobiles have been entered that it is realized that a great deal of work will have to be done in a very short time, in order for the parade to be any-thing like the spectacle it had been planned to make it.

President Claude L. Batkins, of the

auspices of the reunion committee as any other feature of the reunion, the automobile club acting merely as a committee for the general committee. Mr. Batkins urges owners of cars to act without delay and see to it that their cars are in the parade, doing this much in recognition of the gallant ser vices of the Confederate soldiers, whose honor and for whose pleas

the annual reunions are held.

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MAY WEATHER RECORDS

MATERIAL DAMAGE IS SMALL British Aeroplanes Go Up in Search

SOUTHEND, ENGLAND, May 27 .-Another Zeppelin raid was made upon this town last night. A revised count

that three Zeppelins took part in the raid. It is impossible to give the num-

came at once the shock of explosions

pelins were seen over Burnham-on-Crouch, seven miles northeast of Southend, but no more bombs were Southend, a municipal borough and popular seaside resort, at the mouth

have the results been serious.

BOMBARDS LUDWIGSHAFEN

This factory is one of the most im-

POLICE CHIEFS MEET

C. T. Kiser, of Norfolk, Va., was

part of Kansas City, who returned to Sheriffs and the International Associ- appear, however, that, while the Teu-

FOR ALLIES' SHIPS

PROVING HAZARDOUS

Greatest and Most Important Fighting.

Petrograd Declares That Austro-Ger-

The British submarine E-11 has

Another tragedy of the sea has occurred at Sheerness, where the British auxiliary steamer Princess Irene has been blown up by an ac-

The Turks report that they have eaptured a transport, which was at-

clared to have been captured by the Austro-Germans east of Radymno and nearly 3,000 near Gousskoy, tleship Majestic, another of the ships

More than 2,000 prisoners are de-

man submarine to-day. Nearly all the officers and crew were saved. At about the same time the steamer Princess Irene, built last year for the Canadian Pacific British Columbia coast survey, and which was taken over by the admiralty at the commencement of the war, was destroyed by an accidental explosion while at anchor at Sheerness, where she was undergoing repairs. All her crew, numbering about 250, except one sea-

allies since the beginning of the Dardanelles operations, and the second which has fallen a victim to German submarines, which recently arrived in those waters.

and Lemberg. If these reports are true, Przemysl.